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CITY OF BOSTON,
INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT, February 1, 1916.

HON. JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR,— The nineteenth annual report of the Institutions Registration Department for the year ending January 31, 1916, is herewith respectfully submitted.

Commitments to hospitals were as follows:

Boston State Hospital	641
Danvers State Hospital	40
Westborough State Hospital	46
Taunton State Hospital	6
Worcester State Hospital	86
Medfield State Hospital	108
Foxborough State Hospital	57
Monson State Hospital	22
Grafton State Hospital	6
Bridgewater State Hospital	2

1,014

Commitments for observation numbered 69

Of which number 24 were afterwards committed as insane.

Commitments for inebriety and drug habit:

Norfolk State Hospital (men)	53
Westborough State Hospital (women)	44
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Total commitments 1,180

The examining physicians of the department made 1,338 medical examinations during the year.

REMARKS.

The reason so few commitments were made of inebriates or drug users is because those willing to go to the hospital for treatment have been sent as voluntary patients. This policy resulted in a large saving.

INVESTIGATIONS OF SETTLEMENTS.

Application for admission to almshouses is made to this department and persons were sent as follows:

State Infirmary	1,826
State Farm	677
Long Island Hospital	1,518
Almshouse, Charlestown	93
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Total	<u>4,114</u>

GENERAL INFORMATION.

This department is located at City Hall (basement), Room 5.

The physicians attached to this department for the examination of insane are Dr. Charles G. Dewey and Dr. William H. Prescott.

Office, City Hall (basement), Room 5. Hours, 10.30 a. m. to 12 m.

Doctor Dewey's home address, 44 Alban street, Dorchester. Telephone, Dorchester 201.

Doctor Prescott's home address, 330 Hyde Park avenue, Jamaica Plain. Telephone, Jamaica 1370.

The law relating to the commitment of the insane is contained in chapter 504, Acts of 1909.

Patients are sent to the following public hospitals: Boston State Hospital, Worcester State Hospital, Taunton State Hospital, Danvers State Hospital, Westborough State Hospital, Foxborough State Hospital, Medfield State Hospital, Norfolk State Hospital, Monson State Hospital and Grafton State Hospital.

Norfolk State Hospital is for dipsomaniacs or inebriates and those who are so addicted to the intemperate use of narcotics or stimulants as to have lost the power of self control.

Female inebriates and drug users are sent to the Westborough State Hospital.

Monson State Hospital is for sane epileptic patients, and insane epileptics are sent to the Grafton State Hospital.

Before sending a patient to a private hospital arrangements should be made with that hospital for receiving the patient.

No person shall be committed to a hospital for the insane, public or private, unless he has been an inhabitant of the Commonwealth for six months immediately preceding the application for commitment, or provision has been made for his maintenance satisfactory to the State Board of Insanity, or by reason of insanity he would be dangerous if at large.

Commitment forms may be had by applying to the office of the Institutions Registration Department, City Hall (basement), Room 5, or at the office of the State Board of Insanity, Room 36, State House.

Hearings for commitments of insane are held by the judges of the Probate Court, courthouse, Pemberton square, at twelve o'clock every day except Saturdays and legal holidays.

This rule may be somewhat modified during the months of July and August, vacation time.

When application for commitment is made it is desirable that the committing physician notify a relative of the patient (the nearest one when possible) to apply at the office of the Institutions Registration Department in order to give the necessary information required.

Arrangements for the payment of board should be made with the superintendent of the hospital to which the patient is sent.

In order to be committed from Boston to a hospital for the insane the patient must reside or be in this county.

When a woman is sent to a hospital, unless accompanied by her father, husband, brother or son, one of the attendants accompanying her must be a woman.

Patients are taken to the hospitals by an official designated for that purpose, and they are taken in such a manner as to avoid all publicity.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The total amount of the appropriation was \$22,300; amount expended \$22,073.17.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. GAYNOR,
Institutions Registrar.

Investigation of Settlements, etc., Medical Examinations and Commitments of Insane, Epileptics and Inebriates,
Admissions to Almshouses, 1915-16.

	Settlements Investigated for Trustees for Children.	ADMISSIONS TO ALMSHOUSES.					COMMITMENTS.												GRAND TOTALS.			
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		State Infirmary, Tewksbury.	State Farm, Bridgewater.	Long Island Hospital.	Almshouse, Charlestown.	Totals.	Psychopathic Department.	Boston State Hospital.	Danvers State Hospital.	Westborough State Hospital.	Taunton State Hospital.	Worcester State Hospital.	Medfield State Hospital.	Bridgewater State Hospital.	Foxborough State Hospital.	Grafton State Hospital.	Monson State Hospital.	Norfolk State Hospital.		Totals.	Admissions and Commitments.	Settlements Investigated.
1915. February	6	57	...	18	7	82	33	16	...	1	4	50	132	142
	13	56	...	18	7	81	24	20	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	51	132	152
	20	76	...	21	4	101	45	14	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	65	166	182
	27	51	...	22	2	75	28	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	42	117	151
March	6	55	...	28	...	83	29	30	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	67	150	184
	13	47	...	16	1	64	25	23	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	55	119	152
	20	45	...	18	1	64	33	25	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	65	129	176
	27	60	...	22	...	82	22	18	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	44	126	171
April	3	54	...	30	2	86	28	20	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	51	137	179
	10	56	...	36	4	96	29	16	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	147	172
	17	57	...	28	1	86	46	19	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	74	160	192
	24	30	...	25	...	55	33	14	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	111	126
May	1	66	...	30	9	105	31	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	154	171
	8	59	...	27	6	92	32	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	46	138	152
	15	45	...	22	5	72	40	17	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	73	145	169
	22	41	...	27	1	69	29	10	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	50	119	136
June	29	36	...	23	2	61	40	6	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	60	121	135
	5	42	...	19	5	66	25	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	43	109	126
	12	22	...	22	5	80	31	12	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	58	138	152
	19	25	...	22	6	67	25	8	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	43	110	124
July	26	6	...	25	4	54	25	14	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	49	103	121
	3	12	...	32	4	66	22	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	44	110	130
	10	20	...	25	3	62	21	9	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	37	99	121
			...	14	3							

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.

Personal service		\$15,470 00
Permanent employees	\$15,227	
Unassigned	243	
Service other than personal		6,045 00
Printing and binding	70	
Postage	99	
Transportation of persons	1,222	
Communication	29	
Motorless vehicle repairs	336	
Care of horses	1,095	
Medical	2,907	
Veterinary	14	
Interpreters	20	
Fees, Justices of the Peace	14	
Harness repairs	16	
Horseshoeing and clipping	223	
Equipment		167 00
Motorless vehicles	90	
Stable	66	
Furniture and fittings	11	
Supplies		391 00
Office	340	
Food	47	
Medical	1	
Veterinary	3	
		<u>\$22,073 00</u>

